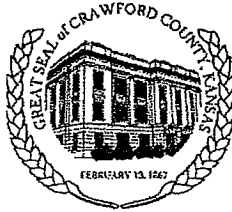


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Honorable Kansas State Senator Terrie Huntington
Chairman, Senate Ethics and Elections Committee
and Distinguished Members of the Committee

Re: Senate Bill Number 388, Relating to the Education of Election Workers

Chairman Huntington and Distinguished Committee Members,

In my capacity as Crawford County Election Officer, I do not support Senate Bill Number 388. This bill will place an unneeded burden on both the Secretary of State's Office and on the offices of Kansas' Election Officers. Developing a standardized statewide training and testing program for election workers will be expensive. We already have a well run cooperative training program between the Secretary of State's Office and the County Election Officers.

We must remember that counties in Kansas are very different and the way elections are administered in these counties is very different also. Because of the differences in counties, the county election officers have been able to develop different elections systems that are tailored to their county's needs. This will make it very difficult to institute a system that can be used to evaluate election workers knowledge on a statewide basis. I think that it is very important that each county election office be allowed to develop a training program for their election workers that fits the election system that is being used in that county. The Secretary of State's Office works long and hard with the County Election Officers to be sure that we know what we are doing and the SOS Office is always available for consultation.

The Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials work hard to make sure that Kansas Elections are administered in a professional manner. Our jobs depend on our election workers being well trained. **We do not support Senate Bill Number 388.** This type of system would intimidate some of our election workers and could create a shortage of election workers in some counties. Thank you for your time and support in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald P. Pyle".

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